US Request for posting of Defence Officials

1788. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a suggestion from the United States of America to post Indian defence officers at two of its global military commands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had agreed to the proposal of US in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) There was an informal suggestion from the United States of America (USA) to post Indian military officers at its Central Command and Pacific Command Headquarters in order to promote closer military relations and cooperation. The Government has not received such a proposal formally or responded to it. However, a stronger interaction between the Office of our Defence Attaches in our Embassy in Washington with US Military Commands and Service Headquarters in general, was agreed to during the Raksha Mantri's recent visit to the United States.

Growing contracts between Armed Forces in India and China

1789. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are increasing contracts between armed forces of two countries;

(b) if so, whether Chinese General's visit has proved successful in clearing some of the doubts that has been there for growth and improvement of border and other talks;

(c) to what extent both armed forces have agreed to jointly enter at various levels;